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Dear John:

At the IHC meeting this morning your experimental research facility draft proposal was discussed and considerable interest was shown in it. I was careful to explain that it was indeed an informal tentative draft proposal which you had floated for the purpose of getting initial reactions.

There were, as you would expect, a number of questions and problems raised and a number of reservations expressed. I hope we can capture these either in the minutes of the meeting, or on a separate piece of paper for you. It was the consensus that we would be interested in seeing phase zero undertaken in order that a more definitive expression of the proposal might be obtained. This will also give us a chance to look at the six studies being conducted by the COINS management office which would be helpful in understanding the problems which we have to face.

The primary concern of those engaged in the discussion was with the development of a meaningful data base which would be useful to all members of the community. As you know we have not been able to reach any agreement on this and our work in this area to date has been much more along the lines of bilateral arrangements. I would anticipate that a lot of the work in phase zero would have to be directed to this community data base problem.

Please let me know when you are ready to discuss this proposal further. I would be glad to come to your office and discuss some of the aspects of it with you.

Sincerely,



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